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REPLY TO ACTION OF DECEMBER 12, 2005

In response to the final Office action of December 12, 2005, applicant asks that all claims be allowed in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-92 are now pending, of which claims 1, 19, 32, 50, 63 and 79 are independent.

Claims 1-92 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cane (U.S. Patent No. 5,416,840) in view of Kataoka (U.S. Patent No. 5,857,021). Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-92 because neither Cane, Kataoka, nor any proper combination of the references, describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims. For example, neither Cane, Kataoka, nor any proper combination of the references, describe or suggest performing a mathematical computation on an access password and a client-communication-system-specific identifier, where the client-communication-system-specific identifier is derived from information that identifies at least a hardware component or aspect of the client communication system. The applicant contends the following, which are serially discussed in more detail below.

1. Cane does not describe or suggest performing a mathematical computation on an access password and a client-communication-system-specific identifier, where the client-communication-system-specific identifier is derived from information that identifies at least a hardware component or aspect of the client communication system.

2. Kataoka does not remedy Cane's failure to describe or suggest performing a mathematical computation on an access password and a client-communication-system-specific identifier, where the client-communication-system-specific identifier is derived from information that identifies at least a hardware component or aspect of the client communication system.

3. One skilled in the art would not have been motivated to combine Kataoka with Cane.